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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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The amendment filed on November 4, 2000 canceling all claims drawn to the originally presented invention is deemed non-responsive.

Newly submitted claims 37-49 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: claims 1-36 were directed to a therapeutic medicament system, with the newly presented claims directed to a container.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Applicants have received an action on the merits, fixing the restricted subject matter. Cancellation of the elected subject matter, to force examination of alternative subject matter is impermissible.

Applicant is given a ONE MONTH time limit or until the expiration of the response period set in the last Office action, whichever is longer, to complete the response. NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT WILL BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b) but, the period for response set in the last office action may be extended up to a maximum of SIX MONTHS.

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